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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PREPARING AND ANALYZING LOW VOLUME ANALYTE ARRAY

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Rejection, dated December 7, 1999, finally rejecting claims 1-6, 9-34, 40-51 and 54-101.

A response to the Final Rejection and a check (\$340) for the fees for the Notice of Appeal and an extension of time are filed herewith.

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